(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में दोषी पाये गये व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या हैं और उनके विरुद्ध सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय को शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के सचिव श्री सुकथाकर की अध्यक्षता में बनी समिति की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Silting in Bhakra Dam

1501. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the continuous heavy flow of sediments and silt is considerably reducing the life expectancy of Bhakra Dam and that various surveys have shown grave threat to the Dam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to control the heavy flow of sediments and silt to protect the Dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Silting of reservoirs is a natural phenomenon and Bhakra is no exception. However, the reservoir capacity surveys conducted at regular intervals have indicated that the silting in the Bhakra Reservoir has not been abnormal. These surveys indicate an average annual loss of only 0.326 per cent of the gross capacity of the reservoir.

(c) To reduce the sediment production rate the catchment area of Bhakra reservoir is being treated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservaion in the catchments of River Valley Projects since the Third Five Year Plan. Out of an area of 5.54 lakh ha. of the Bhakra Catchment identified as priority area needing treatment, an area of 1.25 lakh ha. had been treated by appropriate soil and water conservation measures till 1987-88 with an expenditure of Rs. 17.27 crores. It is programmed to cover 3480 ha. in 1988-89 with an outlay of Rs. 1.50 crores.

Selection of industries enterprises with growth potential

1502. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has asked the Central Ministries to select industrial enterprises under their aegis having growth potential for development into elite companies;

(b) if so, what are thecriteria/norms laid down for the selection of industrial enterprises for their development into elite companies;

(c) whether the task has been completed by the Central Ministries concerned: if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative what is the present position and by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Presumably, the reference is to the suggestion contained in the document of Mid-term Appraisal of the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90), wherein it was emphasised that in order to maximise the production potential of and out-put from the existing industrial structure, efforts should be aimed at about 500 industrial enterprises in the country, instead of being sperad think and ineffectively. It has been suggested that in the selection of such enterprises the broad criteria to be followed should be the value of